

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

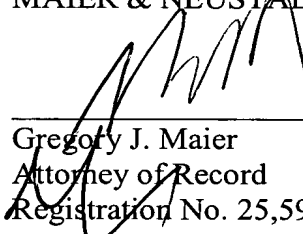
This amendment amends this application to include a cross-reference to the priority International Application No. PCT/JP03/03015, filed on March 13, 2003 and Japanese Application No. 2002-068608, filed March 13, 2002, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Claims 1-16 are presently active in the application.

Examination on the merits of Claims 1-16 are believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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